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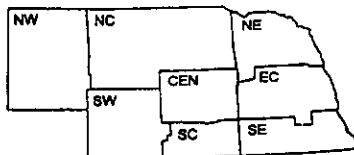
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WEATHER

Temperatures across Nebraska were unseasonably warm ranging from twelve to seventeen degrees above normals for the week. The week was again dry with no measurable precipitation reported.

GENERAL

Dry conditions remained and fall harvest was winding down, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat stands in the eastern half of the State remained very spotty and moisture stressed. Wild fire hazards remained high. Most producers were finished with harvest. Grain stored on the ground continued to retain quality. Dry, hard soil limited fall fieldwork and application of fertilizer. Main activities included cattle processing, caring for livestock, fencing, cleaning harvest equipment, moving hay to farmsteads, ordering seeds for next crop year, reviewing yield data from fall harvest, and loans and LDP processing.

CROPS

Corn harvest reached 98%, ahead of 89% last year and 91% average.

Sorghum harvest rated 99% complete, just ahead of 93% last year and 94% average.

Wheat conditions declined and rated 11% very poor, 15% poor, 33% fair, 29% good, and 12% excellent. Some wheat had not yet come up, and some acreage that had emerged was turning brown.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Dust in lots was a big problem as well as concerns of water supplies for those that were not on rural water lines. Livestock enjoyed the mild fall and good grazing weather. Pasture and range conditions declined further and rated 16% very poor, 26% poor, 41% fair, 16% good, and 1% excellent.

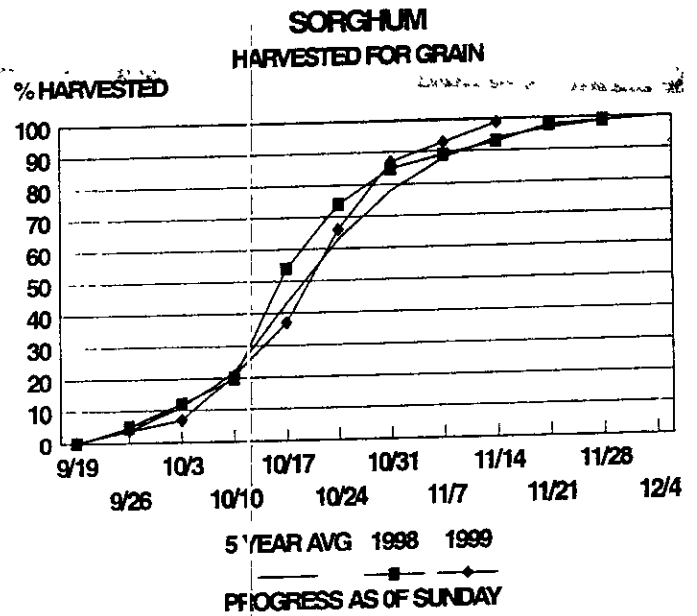
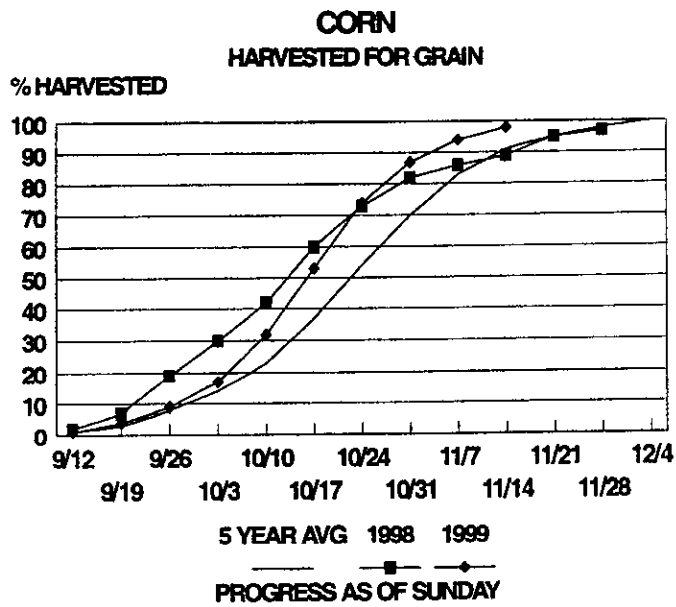
CROP PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	98	99	99	99	99	93	99	99	98	94	89	91
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	99	100	99	99	94	99	99	99	93	93	94
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 1999												
Days suitable	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.7	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	2	31	69	51	45	36	70	98	54	42	0	
(Percent) - Short	62	54	31	49	47	38	30	2	36	43	3	
- Adequate	36	15	0	0	8	26	0	0	10	15	91	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	15	51	38	22	16	47	89	38	31	1	
(Percent) - Short	14	58	39	39	64	32	45	11	37	36	8	
- Adequate	86	27	10	23	14	52	8	0	25	33	85	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	

n/a = not available.

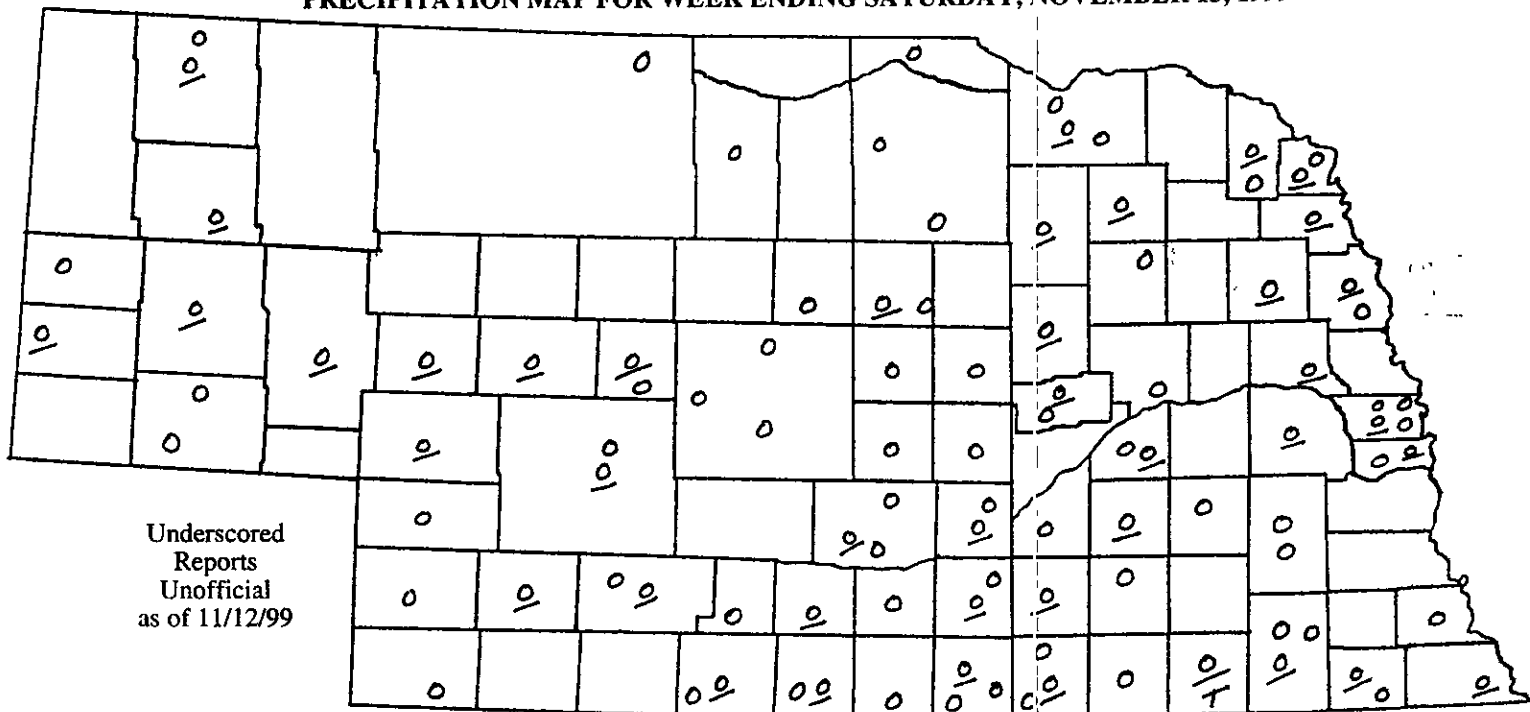
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1999



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1999

Station		Temperature			Precipitation	
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	83	26	54	---	0
	Scottsbluff	79	22	51	+12	0
	Sidney	81	26	52	---	0
NC	Valentine	86	25	54	+14	0
NE	Norfolk	82	29	56	+17	0
	Sioux City	81	30	53	+14	0
CEN	Grand Island	82	28	57	+17	0
	Ord	81	28	53	---	0
EC	Lincoln	85	30	56	+14	0
	Omaha	84	34	56	+14	0
SW	Imperial	80	29	53	---	0
	North Platte	81	24	51	+13	0